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MATERIALS TOWARDS A GENEALOGY OF THE PERRY FAMILY.

THE following matter, relative to the family of Perry, is furnished by persons interested in the name, with a hope of aiding Dr. Hext M. Perry, of Philadelphia, in his efforts to compile an extended genealogy of families bearing the name in this country. Dr. Perry is a son of the Hon. Benjamin F. Perry, who was appointed Provisional Governor of South Carolina by President Johnson. Dr. Perry (whose address is 3501 Hamilton St., Philadelphia) will be glad to correspond with any interested in the work.—Editor.

ITEMS CONTRIBUTED BY DR. HEXT M. PERRY.

Among the early emigrants to Massachusetts there were three, at least, by the name of Perry. They were of Puritan and Quaker stock, and their descendants have spread over various parts of the United States.

1. JOHN PERRY came over with the Rev. John Elliot in 1631, and settled in the town of Roxbury, where he became a member of the Church of the Apostle to the Indians. His son John, born in 1639, removed to Sherborn, and accounts of very many of his descendants may be found in the Morse Genealogy by Rev. Abner Morse; in the Genealogical History of Sherborn and Holliston by the same author; in the Leland Genealogy by Judge Sherman Leland; and in a recently issued brochure by the

Hon. Aaron F. Perry, of Cincinnati, Ohio. To this Roxbury and Sherborn line of the Perry family belongs Ex-Governor B. F. Perry, of South Carolina, Bishop Perry of Iowa, Hon. Amos Perry of Providence, R. I., and many other well known citizens in different parts of the country.

2. ARTHUR PERRY'S name appears in the Boston records in 1637, and in subsequent years.

3. EDMUND or EDWARD PERRY was born in Devonshire, England, in the year 1630. Belonging to the society of Friends, it is fair to suppose that he did not emigrate to New England until the persecution of that sect had ceased by the order of Charles II. in the year 1661. He arrived at Plymouth and settled at Sandwich in the Province of Massachusetts, at that time the headquarters of Quakerism. His son Samuel was born about the year 1654, and married Mary Miller, Dec. 16, 1678. Their issue was two daughters. His wife dying, he married Mary Tucker, of Sandwich, May 9, 1690, and by her had children named James, Samuel, Simon and Benjamin, the latter being the great grandfather of Commodore O. H. Perry. Samuel removed to Kingstown, R. I., and was made a freeman of that Province, May 6, 1701. He died at Kingstown in the year 1716. His son Simon would seem to have been a surveyor, as he was voted £3.10s. for services in that capacity.

Benjamin Perry, Jr., was made a freeman of Rhode Island in 1745.

Edward Perry, a son of the emigrant, removed to Portsmouth, N. H. He is supposed to have been born about 1675, married Amy Tripp and to have had Edward, born 1734 and died Jan. 19, 1807, besides James, Peace, and other children.

John Perry was born at Sandwich, April 30, 1713, and as the above named Samuel had removed thence years be-

fore, it is fair to suppose that his father was one of the other sons of the emigrant. He removed to Wilmington, Del., on reaching manhood, and married in 1738 the daughter of Caleb Pusey, Jr., of Chester Co., Penn., belonging to the same family as the founder of Puseyism. She died Dec. 12, 1772, and was followed by her husband, Aug. 30, 1877.

Edward Perry's name is found in the records of Friends' meeting, at Sandwich, in the year 1672. He was appointed a recorder of deeds in 1674.

Ezra Perry, of Sandwich, married Eliza Purge, Feb. 12, 1652, and had children:

Ezra, born February 11, 1653.
Deborah, born Nov. 28, 1654.
John, born Jan. 11, 1657.
Samuel, born March 15, 1667.
Benjamin, born Jan. 15, 1670.
Remembrance, born Jan. 1, 1676.

Freeman Perry, great grandson of Edward, was born Feb. 2, 1732. His son was Christopher, born Dec. 4, 1761; married Sarah Alexander.

Will of Edward Perry, of Sandwich, Mass.

Contributed by Mrs. R. H. Smith, Hartford, Conn,

"Sandwich, Dec. 29, 1694.

I, Edward Perry, of Sandwich, being sick of body, but of sound mind and disposing memory, praised be God for it, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First, I commit my soul into the hand of the Lord my Saviour, and my body to be decently buried at Spring Hill burying place, among my friends there, when God shall please to take me home; and for the disposal of my

outward estate, which God hath graciously given me, my mind and will is that it shall be disposed and bestowed in such manner as in this my last will is declared.

IMPRIMIS.—My mind and will is and I do hereby give unto my well beloved wife, Mary, the use and profit of all my housing and land for her comfort during the term of her natural life, and after her decease to be disposed of as followeth (that is to say) my will is that my eldest son, Samuel, shall have my now dwelling house, and all my outhousing, and the land thereunto belonging, bounded southerly by the highway, or country road, and westerly on the way that leads to a place known by the name of the great spring, from said road bounded easterly by John Wing, and northerly by Scoton river, including all the meadow as well as upland within said boundaries, and one lot of land of about nine acres, be it more or less, which is within fence lying on the south side of said highway, or country road, and bounded with the fence that is now about it; this land and meadow, with all the housing thereon, I give as aforesaid to my son Samuel, to have and to hold to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM.—I give and bequeath unto my son Edward, to have and to hold, to him and his heirs and assigns forever, all the remaining part of the tenement on which I dwell, both upland and marsh, lying on the westerly side of the lands above given to Samuel, and is bounded southerly by the highway or country road, and northerly by Scoton river, and westerly by the land in the occupation of Joseph Hallett, and easterly by the aforesaid way which leads from the country road to the great spring aforesaid, which said way is to be the division between the lands of my two sons aforesaid, and is to be common for the use of both—and the creek that runs from said great spring into Scoton river is to be the division of their marsh, and my

mind is that Edward shall have, as belonging to said tenement, all my land on the south side of said highway, except the lot given to Samuel.

ITEM.— I give and bequeath unto my youngest son Benjamin, all my lands, both upland and meadow, lying on Scoton Neck, to have and to hold, to him and his heirs and assigns forever. It is to be understood that all my lands given to my three sons shall be for the use of my said wife during the term of her natural life as abovesaid.

ITEM.—My will is that my two daughters, Peace and Rest, shall have twenty pounds apiece in money, which shall be paid to them by my son Samuel, as a legacy, out of the land given to him, within one year after my wife's decease.

ITEM.—My will is that my daughter Deborah shall have twenty pounds in money paid to her by my son Edward as a legacy, out of the lands given to him, within one year after my wife's decease, and my daughters Peace and Rest shall have, each of them, ten pounds in money.

ITEM.—My mind and will is, that my son Benjamin shall pay in legacies out of the land given to him, thirty pounds in money, within one year after he comes to twenty-one years of age, and to enjoy the land given to him, ten to my daughter Dorchas and ten to my daughter Sarah, and five to my daughter Peace and five to my daughter Rest.

ITEM.—My will is that my daughter Mary shall have five pounds besides what she hath already had, to be paid to her by her mother, my executor hereafter named, in such time and manner as she shall see most fit, and six pounds to my granddaughter Hannah Easton.

ITEM—I give and bequeath unto my said wife, all my moveable estate whatsoever, for her comfort and support in

her old age, and what she shall not have need to expend, to be disposed of as she shall see cause, she having paid the bequest given to my daughter Mary.

I do nominate and appoint my said well beloved wife, Mary, to be my sole executrix to this my last will and testament.

Signed, sealed, and declared to be my last will and testament, the day and year above written.

EDWARD PERRY, [SEAL.]

In the presence of
Ebenezer Wing,
John Hoxey,
John Otis.

I, the above-mentioned Edward Perry, do desire and appoint Stephen Skeffe and John Otis to be overseers of this my last will as it is above written, so that it may be truly performed."

The above will was proved April 12, 1695.

ITEMS CONTRIBUTED BY H. E. TURNER, M. D. NEWPORT.

Peace Perry, daughter of Edward, married John Mumford of Newport, Oct. 1699, d. Nov. 9, 1740, aged 69 years.

Rest Perry, daughter of Edward, married Jacob Mott, of Portsmouth, R. I. They had two daughters:

Mary Mott, born April 25, 1708.
Rest Mott, born Nov. 22, 1709.

Rest Mott, wife of Jacob, and daughter of Edward Perry, of Sandwich, died Nov. 29, 1709, aged 34 years.

Mary Mott, daughter of Jacob and Rest (Perry) Mott, married Quaker preacher Nathaniel Greene, of Warwick (Potowome), April 18, 1739, to whom she was second

wife, he having been previously married to Phœbe Greene, by whom he had children, Benjamin and Thomas. By his third wife, Mary Rodman, widow of John, and sister of Gov. John Collins, of Newport, he had no children.

Nathaniel Greene, by his second wife, Mary Mott, had:

1. Jacob, born March 7, 1740.
2. Phebe, born March 20, 1741.
3. Nathaniel, born July 27, 1742.
4. William, born Nov. 1, 1743.
5. Elihu, born Dec. 10, 1746.
6. Christopher, born July 3, 1748.
7. Perry, born Nov. 5, 1749.

Nathaniel Greene says, in his Bible record, "My wife Mary died the seventh day of the third month (March), 1753, new style, about 7 or 8 o'clock in the morning, on the fourth day of the week."

The Nathaniel Greene here recorded as having been born on the 27th day of July, 1742, was the celebrated Major General Nathaniel Greene of the Continental Army, and it is a noteworthy circumstance that General Greene and Commodore Oliver H. Perry should approach each other so nearly in consanguinity, and that two names which confer so much lustre on Rhode Island, one in the military, the other in the naval service, should have derived a direct strain of descent from the same source, and that the peaceful and peace-loving Edward Perry.

Others of Mary Mott's numerous descendants are worthy of special mention, as having been prominent in Rhode Island affairs, as Hon. Richard Ward Greene, late Chief Justice of Rhode Island, son of Christopher; and Hon. Albert C. Greene, late U. S. Senator from Rhode Island, son of Perry, and both grandsons of Mary Mott; also the late Prof. George W. Greene, grandson of Gen. Nathaniel and great-grandson of Mary.

Rest Mott, the second daughter of Jacob and Rest, married Thomas Rider, of John, Newport, August 13, 1729, and had Mary Rider, born April 5, 1730.

Dorcas Perry, of Edward, of Sandwich, born 1661, died Jan. 16, 1746, aged 85 years. She was married to John Easton, of Peter and Anne (Coggeshall) Easton, of Newport, August 23, 1679, and had:

1. Anne. 2. Hannah. 3. Samuel. 4. Mary. 5. Joshua. 6. Peter. 7. John. 8. Patience. 9. James. 10. Edward. 11 and 12, Benjamin and Dorcas, twins.

Edward Perry[3], of Samuel[2] of Edward [1], was admitted freeman of colony, of Portsmouth, 1740; was born probably 1693, married ——— Tripp.

His son, Edward[4] Jr., born 1734, died Jan. 19, 1807, married Lydia Macomber. Banns published 1756, had:

1. Hannah[5], b. 1757, m. Coggeshall Butts.
2. Joseph[5].
3. George[5], b. 1761, m. Abigail Williams.
4. Sarah [5], m. ——— Devall of Tiverton.
5. James[5], b. 1766, m. Abigail Coggeshall.
6. John[5], d. 1817, at City Point, Virginia.
7. William[5].
8. Elizabeth[5], d. 1801, m. Jonathan Almy, 1796.

George[5] Perry and Abigail Williams, had:

1. Elizabeth[6], b. 1782; unmarried.
2. Mary, b. 1784, m. Cook Wilcox, 2d wife.
3. Eleanor[6], b. 1787, d. 1792.
4. Frances[5], b. 1789.
5. Ann[6], b. 1791, m. Peleg Eldred, Jamestown.
6. Edward[6], b. 1793, m. Mary Wrightington.
7. George[6], b 1795, d. 1823.
8. Eleanor[6], b. 1798, m. William Price.
9. Hiram[6], b. 1801, m. Mary Ann Gardner, 1825.
10. William[6], b. 1806.

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